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Rambling Notes.

Anyone who enjoys grand mountain scenery should take the drive between Bethel and Umbagog Lake, the lower lake of the Rangeley system, and headwaters of the Androscoggin river. On leaving Bethel we followed for six miles the Androscoggin; the road lay between pleasant meadows, wild flowers bloomed in great profusion, and their fragrance borne on the gentle summer breeze, filled the air with sweetness. On reaching Newry Corner we turned to the left and followed up the Bear river, which is noted for its fine trout fishing and is useful surrounding scenery. The first place of interest we reached was the Poplar Tavern, situated in a beautiful valley, nearly enclosed by hills and mountains. A short distance above are the Devil's Horsehoe Falls, a wonderful work of nature. We were hemmed in by mountains on every side, and it seemed as though we must soon come to a standstill. But the winding road soon brought us to Screw Augur Falls; the water falls through a channel in the rock nearly forty feet deep. A short distance above this is the natural Jail, made in the solid rock, the floor of which can only be reached by the Needle's eye, a hole in the rock just large enough to admit the passage of a man's body, or by following the bed of the river.

In Grafton Notch the road in some places is walled up on one side to a considerable height, while on the other is a deep chasm, extending as far down as the eye can reach. From the top of Speckle Mountain a wonderful view is obtained by those who care to make the ascent; mountains, hills, the Rangeley lake system, and numberless ponds and streams; and with a glass, the seacoast at Portland may be seen. We left our team by the road, while we went to see the famous Moose Cave; the Bear river here runs through its rocky bed at a distance of a hundred feet below the ledge on which we stood, and the opposite bank is much higher. It was here, we were told, where the moose, maddened by the chase, made its mighty leap to escape the hunters, but fell short and lost its life on the rocks below.

The Cambridge river is a pretty stream, although a mere brook in summer. At length we reached our destination, the pretty little village of Upton, situated on the top of a hill overlooking the Umbagog, where we were warmly welcomed by our old friends the mosquitoes, who were all ready for a social life with us.

WILSON'S MILLS.

D. C. Bennett has gone up the river to act as guide.

H. W. Fickett is in town visiting relatives.

F. A. Flint of Colebrook, N. H. passed through here on his way to Deer Lick Camp, this week.

Rev. M. Burrill is to hold meetings here and at the other town this summer. He is stopping at J. W. Clark's place.

Dr. Edward Spaulding of Nashua, N. H., died very suddenly at Camp Meadows, last Saturday morning. He was on his way down from Farmington to return home, and was feeling as well as usual the night before. R. A. Story, who was guiding him, accompanied the remains home. Dr. Spaulding had visited this place every year for many years, and was very much liked by the people here. He was a member of the Farmington Club.

MASON.

Geo. Rolph is having for L. H. Tyler.

C. F. Brown traded for a new wagon.

E. Morrill has a crew peeling poplar.

S. O. Grover has been repairing his house.

Shirley Hazelton of Albany was in town Saturday.

Nellie R. Bean has 1,000 pairs of sale pants to make.

Ladies' sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Ida Bean, July 10th; all are invited.

Mason people should make an effort to see the glass blowers at West Bethel this week.

Roy Grover, Geo. Bennett and Ernest Hutchinson, went to Yarmouth Haying Monday.

There was a poverty supper entertainment held at F. I. Bean's Friday evening; owing to the rainy weather the attendance was limited but a very pleasant evening was passed, and the Ladies' circle realized quite a nice little item in the way of cash.

Who is the homeliest man in Bethel? We know, but wouldn't tell for a dollar. He will get the prize, though, at the glass blowers' entertainment.

One of Bethel's Citizens.

By ADDISON S. BEAN.

The subject of this sketch is a Bethel man; when I was a young man he was a merchant keeping a general country store in the old long block where Caylon Rowe now trades, occupying the middle store. He married the daughter of Ayres Mason of Bethel, bought a farm and settled on Bethel Hill.

At the breaking out of the war in 1861 he was one of the first to respond to the president's call for 75,000 men; he called the men of his and adjoining towns together and gave them his views on the situation, adding, "The Union must be saved at all hazards!" He was the first to put his name down as a volunteer, then men came flocking in and soon one hundred names were enrolled, the flower of the country. He was commissioned Captain of the company, which was Company I, of the 5th Regiment Maine Volunteers; they were known during the war as "the fighting 5th."

I had the honor of visiting him several times during his three years' service, and always found him just the same as we did at home; he would meet a private with the same familiarity as an officer of high rank. One thing I always observed, and that was, he never had any liquor about his quarters; he would say, "You know I am a Maine law man from the start." At one time General John Sedgwick, commanding the 6th corps, called on him while he was Colonel of the 5th, and he said "General, I am a Maine law man, and never keep any liquor about my quarters."

The General complimented him on the stand he had taken, and said, "You will succeed in whatever you try to accomplish."

He rapidly rose in the regiment, was first Captain, then Major, then Lieutenant Colonel, and lastly Colonel.

We met him once at White Oak church before the battle of Fredericksburg, and near Falmouth, Va., after the battle, December, 1862; again we saw him at the storming of Mary's Heights, again at Mine Run, Va., where he came out hungry and we fed him, for which he has never forgotten us. We also met him near the bloody Angle where shot and shell were flying like hail. He was always cool, never showing the white feather; his men had all confidence in him, as he would not ask them to go where he would not go himself. He always led his men, never skulked behind trees while they were exposed, but did his best to protect them from the iron hail of the enemy. Again we saw him at Rappahannock station, where he captured two brigades of Rebel Infantry, with several pieces of artillery; he had his arms full of sabres which he had taken, two of which he now holds as trophies.

Again we met him and his gallant regiment at City Point, Va.; he was on the way home, having served his country faithfully, with honor to himself and credit to his town and state. At the close of the war he was brevetted Brigadier General.

After returning from the war he went back to his old occupation of farming, and has made a success of it.

Several years ago he lost his companion by death. He still resides at the old homestead with his son.

Thirty years after the war he invited his old company to his beautiful home on Bethel Hill, where he treated the old boys most royally. Most of my readers have before this recognized the subject of this sketch as one well known among us, Gen. Clark S. Edwards.

Gen. Edwards is a staunch democrat, a strictly temperance man, a good citizen and true friend.

[We wish to add a few items of interest which were omitted in the foregoing article.]

Gen. Edwards was born at Otisfield, Me., March 26th, 1824, and was the son of Enoch and Abigail (McLellan) Edwards. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm; at the public schools he obtained an education, to which he has added much in his maturer years by extensive reading and travel.

Gen. Edwards has always been a strong supporter of the democratic party, and although never seeking political office, he has been highly honored by his party. In 1886, he was nominated for Governor of Maine, which nomination he somewhat reluctantly accepted. He was not elected, as the democrats were in the minority, but he received the full support of his party. He was appointed in 1890, by the Governor of Maine, Commissioner for the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, the duties of which position he most satisfactorily performed. His time is now principally devoted to his large farm, which yields about one hundred tons of hay annually. Of his seven children, six are now living, and one son, Fred, resides with him. Gen. Edwards has in the course of his long residence here, built several stores and dwelling houses, and done much to advance the interests of the town. Ed.]

The amount of taxes committed to the collector of the Bethel Village Corporation is \$1615.00. The rate of taxation .014. Number of polls, 281.

Georgia's Olvalious Governor.

The Governor of Georgia gave a diploma to a pretty girl of the graduating class of the Normal and Industrial school of Atlanta this spring, whom the faculty had refused to give a diploma, as the rules of the school require; she had been caught cheating in the examinations, and the president of the school protested against the Governor's decision. This Gov. Atkinson declared unchivalrous, but two hundred of the school girls hissed him, and refused to accept their diplomas from his hand. He evidently mistook sentiment for justice.

GORHAM, N. H.

Ralph Greenlaw of Paris is visiting his grandmother.

Charles Briggs of Portland spent Sunday with his parents.

Judge Evans is attending Probate court at Lancaster this week.

The first nine of Berlin is expected to play the second nine of this place before long. Let us hope that the boys will be able to score on them.

Ethel Tucker and company are booked for the Opera House this week in repertoire. They come well recommended and deserve a full house each night.

The young people of Gorham are intending to present a drama for the benefit of the Public Library which is being started here. It will probably come off some time in August.

The first nine played a practice game on the common Saturday. Willis had the misfortune to break a finger, which will be a drawback to the team for a while as he is the backbone of the club.

The Berlin second nine gave the boys here a surprise last Wednesday by appearing in uniform ready for a game; the boys soon picked their second team here and did them up to the tune of 16 to 5. The next time you come down, boys, give us a day's notice and you may be fortunate enough to beat us.

UPTON.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Mrs. A. W. Jenkins is visiting in Norway.

Claude Abbott has returned from Hebron where he has been attending school.

Mr. George Deering is making some improvements on his residence which he recently purchased.

Mrs. H. P. West has returned from Argyle Me. where she has been visiting her father and other relatives.

Rev. Chas. Watter preached an interesting sermon at the Congregational Church Sunday morning June 30th. In the evening he gave a short talk on the parable of the prodigal son.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuller called upon them June 26th, that being the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day. We wish them happiness and prosperity in their home on this their crystal wedding day, and hope that they may live to celebrate their golden wedding.

ANDOVER.

Intended for Last Week.

Tourists are still on their way to the lakes.

Thermometer up to ninety for five days during the past week.

E. N. Carver, Editor of the Rumford Falls Times, and his wife are at French's Hotel.

Mrs. W. M. Varney is giving object lessons to the primary scholars after school hours, every Friday.

J. E. Akers has the best field of rye yet seen, all headed out the 20th of June. He also has field potatoes in blossom.

Myron Bacon and Charles Kimball are furnishing the nicest of fresh beef, and sell at low prices too. We can recommend it to all.

Rev. Mr. Norcross went to East Sumner on Friday to take part in the ordination of Mr. P. E. Miller acting pastor of the Congregational Church of that place.

Mr. L. Hastings who was injured by being thrown from a cart is slowly improving although suffering much pain from his left arm, which was badly bruised.

The semi-annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society was held here in the Church Thursday last. Among the many Societies that were represented were Bethel, Gilead, Norway, Sumner, Rumford and Mechanic Falls. We were glad to see the interest manifested by so many coming from other towns. The church was prettily decorated with house plants and wild flowers. The morning and afternoon services were well attended, although it was an unusually warm day. In the evening Rev. Mr. Wible, pastor of the Church at Gilead gave a fine sermon to the Endeavorers, which seemed to be appreciated by old and young. There was a full attendance. Thanks are due to those from away, and to our own society for the good words, fine music etc. also to the committee for their efforts. We wish them success in all their endeavors.

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BERLIN, N. H.

Happenings in the Paper City of Oons.

The actual caprices and transactions of human life are marvelous to think of and especially so when people talk about being governed by "common sense," when really nearly all are or ought to be aware that real good common sense is the rarest article in the market, and nearly everybody has a weak spot in their mental makeup, as the man who buys a brass brick for a gold one at a big price, of some stranger confidence man. Commercial operations are of all sorts and kinds, from the legitimate, substantial dealer to the various kinds of travelling swindlers of the meaner sort. But the general public are in a great measure to blame for much of this illegitimate, costly and iniquitous dealing, in at least two directions. First, on the principle that P. T. Barnum laid down, namely, "The American public like to be humbugged." Secondly, that the great majority of Americans live beyond their means, therefore die poor, and Berlin, like all other lively places, is nearly choked to death with this mania for running in debt for what they do not need; or more properly speaking, could get along without until they could pay for it. By this means the common people are kept poor and are constantly in "hot water" the year round. One of the most disastrous methods of dealing is the installment plan of buying all kinds of necessary and unnecessary things, and the difference in the cost of what is bought is at least twenty percent above the regular retail price, and often more than that. For instance, we are offered a rug, clock, or fancy album, at five dollars cash or six dollars on the installment plan, with one dollar down and a dollar each successive month, or in other words we pay a dollar interest in advance for the privilege of paying the full value, and more too, of an article on the average time of two and a half months, with the danger that if each dollar is not paid promptly, of having the article taken away, and losing the money already paid. And thousands of houses are full of these things, from a piano to a teaspoon. Is it any wonder that people are poor?

NOTES AND ITEMS.

We are glad to see Dr. Wright of Gorham able to be up here again after his serious illness and domestic sorrow.

Some of our people are off on their vacation, and on Saturday last Joseph LeDuc went with his wife, Mrs. David Walsh and Mrs. David Caird, down to Long Island, to remain by the sea until August 1st with their children, Mr. L. returning on Monday. They will occupy the seaside cottage of Moses Hodgdon of this place.

Last week Mrs. Eastman, mother of A. H. Eastman of Berlin National Bank was in town on a visit.

John Annis has vacated the Green block and moved into his newly purchased house on Mt. Forest Street.

The Misses Boothby and Mason have gone on a fifteen days outing down in Maine, for rest and recuperation after their largely increased business in their millinery and ladies wear establishment. Miss Latourneau, their assistant has charge of the establishment in their absence.

Rev. B. Brunning, our Scientific Optician is having many difficult eyes to fit, from a distance as well as at home. It should be understood that he has all his special lenses made in Boston by the best maker there; 26 years experience is worth much to those needing perfect fitting spectacles.

Mr. Brunning also performs marriage ceremonies as usual in his short and impressive manner, and on Saturday last united in marriage Mr. John Goodwin, of Milton, with Miss Jessie Stevens of Barlett.

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WEST BETHEL.

Glass Blowers.

Glass Blowers at Bean's Hall this week.

Mrs. Judith Brown of Bethel, is visiting at L. D. Grover's.

Religious services will be held in the school house next Sunday at 2 P. M.

The Glass Blowers will be in Bean's Hall this week for four or five days.

Who will get the prize for being the homeliest man? We bet we know.

James S. Hutchins was here on Saturday last taking orders for clothes-racks manufactured in South Bethel.

A number of young men from this place have gone to Cumberland County to work through the haying season.

Harry N. Mills started for Boston again on Wednesday of last week, where he hopes to find employment on the electric cars.

Miss Lillian R. Kimball of East Bethel, closes her second term of school here on Wednesday of this week. She is a good teacher, and we hope she will come again.

The Glass Blowers at Bean's Hall offer a present worth \$50.00 to the handsomest baby in town. Mothers, dress your babies up and take them over to the Hall.

The Stave machine is running in the Steam Mill, and a Shook Shop has been built back of the cementery. Business is quite lively in and around the mill, and many loaded cars are sent out from this station.

Mrs. Kennedy of the Boileman Glass Blowers is the only lady glass worker in New England. Go and see her manipulate the glass.

When F. R. Briggs drove his cow to pasture last Saturday morning, a large deer was seen in the enclosure, about ten rods distant, and although the cow wore a bell, the deer was not frightened, but remained in the pasture.

E. B. Shaw and E. R. Briggs had some difficulties in going to Norway last week on the Oddfellows excursion. The unaccommodation express was not allowed to stop here, and a bridge on the highway to Bethel was undergoing repairs, and a fence placed across the road, but both were able to walk, and "got there just the same."

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

Mr. Isaac Rich is boarding in this place.

Vegetation is looking finely, and there is a prospect of a good hay crop.

Mell Billings is just recovering from a severe sickness, caused by a partial sunstroke.

Mrs. N. S. Godwin and little daughter and son from Andover have been visiting us for a few days.

The writer has plants in his flower garden, that came from seeds that grew, blossomed, and ripened, out of doors, this year.

The Durgin family are expected to move back into their house which has long been vacant. We shall all be glad to welcome them home.

We are having quite a religious revival, both at this place and Bryant's Pond. We have services here at 3 o'clock on the Sabbath, also a meeting Wed. evenings. We hope more will come in.

Dr. Carroll and wife, from Boston are stopping in this place for a few weeks. The Doctor is looking for a place to locate and practise medicine. We hope he won't be too particular about a location, for our country towns need a good physician as well as the cities.

BECAUSE.

The eyeball is white because the blood vessels that feed it are so small that they do not admit the red corpuscles.

A match ignites because of the heat generated by friction. Matches are tipped with phosphorus and sulphur, both highly inflammable substances.

A pint of the oil of vitriol mixed with a pint of water will not fill a quart measure because the bulk of the compound has been reduced by the absorption of latent heat.

A piece of phosphorus sprinkled with dry powdered charcoal ignites almost instantly, because the charcoal absorbs oxygen from the air, and so produces a higher temperature.

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OXFORD, ME.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of June A. D. 1895.

On the petition of Amelia J. Grover of Bethel, praying for the appointment of Darius H. Grover as administrator of the estate of David M. Grover, late of Bethel in the said County of Oxford deceased.

ORDERED, That said Petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested therein by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Bethel News a newspaper printed at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the third Tuesday of July next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.

George A. Wilson, Judge.

A true Copy—Attest.

Albert D. Park, Reg.

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